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For: SPRING, MAINSPRING, HAIRSPRING, AND DRIVING MECHANISM
AND WATCH BASED THEREON

January 30, 2001

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This election is being filed in response to a Restriction Requirement in an Office Action mailed on November 8, 2000 in connection with the above-identified patent application. A response to that Office Action is due no later than February 8, 2001. Accordingly, this response is being timely filed.

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In the November 8, 2000 Office Action, the Examiner required an election under 35 U.S.C. §121 between Invention I, recited by claims 14-40, directed to a spring, and Invention II, recited by claims 41-50, directed to a timepiece drive mechanism

In response to the Examiner's requested election, Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, to prosecute Invention I, as recited by claims 14-40. Furthermore, Applicants hereby cancel claims 41-50, corresponding to Invention II, without prejudice to Applicants' right to pursue the prosecution of that Invention and claims in a further application.

Early and favorable consideration of the above referenced application in light of these amendments is earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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